

# MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

#### TERMINAL ISOLATION ROOM CLEANING

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- **I. PURPOSE:** To establish specific procedures for special cleaning of isolation rooms after a patient vacates them.
- **II. POLICY:** The MSH Housekeeping Services staff will disinfect isolation rooms after each use to eliminate the possibility of cross contamination and effectively reduce the existence of pathogens.

### III. DEFINITIONS:

A. <u>Terminal cleaning</u> – thorough, extensive cleaning and disinfection of an isolation room after the patient is discharged from that room.

## IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Housekeepers are responsible for cleaning terminal isolation rooms.
- B. The Housekeeping Manager will:
  - 1. Ensure procedures are in place to meet licensing and accreditation standards for cleaning isolation rooms.
  - 2. Evaluate the performance of each employee.
  - 3. Ensure all housekeepers are familiar with the Infection Control policies and procedures.
- C. The Infection Control Nurse will be available as a resource to housekeeping staff.
- D. Nursing Staff will notify housekeeping when an isolation room is ready or needs cleaning.

#### V. PROCEDURE:

- A. Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning: Housekeeping staff will carry out principles of infection control as outlined in the *Exposure Control Plan* by:
  - 1. wearing personal protective clothing

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- 2. proper handling of infectious waste and contaminated linen. Remember: unused toilet paper, towels, bar soap, etc., are considered contaminated.
- 3. inspecting pillows and mattress. If holes are found, send for decontamination and get replacements.
- 4. using a hospital-grade disinfectant on **ALL** environmental surfaces i.e., floor, walls, bed, mattress, pillow, night stand, over-bed table, chairs, lamps, and medical equipment. <u>Do not overlook</u> inside and bottom of drawers, equipment cords, soap and toilet paper dispensers, toilets, urinals, sinks and bathroom fixtures.
- 5. following cleaning procedures as outlined in the Housekeeping Policy and Procedure Manual.
- VI. REFERENCES: Exposure Control Plan, State Licensure Standards
- VII. COLLABORATED WITH: Housekeeping Manager, Infection Control Nurse
- VIII. RESCISSIONS: Policy # HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated May 20, 2002; Policy # HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated February 14, 2000; and Policy #HK-05, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated March 17, 1995
- IX. DISTRIBUTION: All hospital policy manuals, Housekeeping Procedure Manual
- X. REVIEW AND REISSUE DATE: June 2008
- XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES: Housekeeping Manager
- XII. ATTACHMENTS: None

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